GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:12
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
NSG COMMANDOS ON FLIGHTS .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent Hijacking of IC-814 plane,the Government have decided to deploy National Security Guards (NSG) commandos on flights;

(b) if so, the air routes on which NSG commandos have been deployed or likely to be deployed;

(c) whether the security at various airports has been strengthened;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have discussed with other countries to ensure proper safety of flights;

(f) if so, the details thereof; (g) whether there is proposal to create a specialised security force; and (h) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

------ THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV) .....
(a), (b), (c),(d),(e),(f),(g) and (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(A),(B),(C),(D),(E),(F),(G) AND (H) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.12 FOR 24.2.2000 REGARDING NSG COMMANDOS ON FLIGHTS
(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Armed Sky Marshals (NSG Commandos) have been deployed on certain identified routes which cannot be disclosed due to security implications.

(c), (d), (g) & (h): The following measures have been taken to strengthen security at airports in the country:-

i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) personnel in place of the State Police for security duties at all operational domestic airports in the phased manner. The CISF has already taken over the security duties at Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.
ii)Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Laddar point secondary frisking has been introduced.

iii)Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of photo-identity cards to restrict the number of pass holders and banning of entry of the visitors upto 28.2.2000.
iv)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.

v)Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation ofnew colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast 2 X-Ray machines are available at every point.

vi)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up of the airports is being done in a phased manner.

(e) and (f): The countries where Indian Airlines and Air India flights are being operated have been directed to ensure proper safety of these flights.